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- 1. THE EMBASSY SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REFTEL, PARA 1. MR. ENFIELD DID NOT PAY FOR THE TICKETS FOR THE POLICE ESCORT, HELSINKI-LONDON-HELSINKI, HE ONLY PAID FOR HIS TICKET HELSINKI-NEW YORK. MOREOVER, HE WAS NOT CHARGED FOR EXCESS BAGGAGE WEIGHING APPROX. 54 KILOS. DURING THE EMBASSY OFFICER'S TWO VISITS TO THE AIRPORT, TOTALING MORE THAN SIX HOURS, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO MODIFY THE POLICE, FINNAIR AND PANAM'S DECISION THAT ESCORTS WERE REQUIRED FROM HELSINKI TO NEW YORK. PANAM FINALLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH ESCORTS ON THE LONDON-NEW YORK LEG. HOWEVER, THE POLICE AND FINNAIR WERE ADAMANT THAT ESCORTS WOULD ACCOMPANY MR. ENFIELD ON THE FINNAIR PORTION OF THE JOURNEY, VIZ., HELSINKI-LONDON.
- 2. PANAM PLANS TO BILL MR. ENFIELD FOR THE ESCORTS, BUT THE PANAM REPRESENTATIVE IN HELSINKI IS NOT OPTIMISTIC REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLECTING.
- 3. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 2. A, B AND C OF REFTEL, THE EMBASSY PROTESTED AT THE AIRPORT THE NEED FOR ESCORTS AND INQUIRED RE THE REASON FOR DENIAL OF ENTRY. UNCLASSIFIED

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A. ACCORDING TO THE ALIENS OFFICE, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THE ENTRY OF AN ALIEN INTO FINLAND CANNOT BE GUARANTEED IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL AT A FINNISH PORT OF ENTRY. ALTHOUGH MR. ENFIELD IS PRESENTLY NOT CONSIDERED PERSONA NON GRATA AND IS, THEREFORE, NOT BARRED FROM ENTRY, HE MUST BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT HIS ENTRY WILL BE GENUINE TOURISM, THAT HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A TICKET OUTBOUND FROM SCANDINAVIA AND

HAS SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER HIS STAY DURING HIS SOJOURN IN FINLAND. THE PHRASE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IS TO BE INTERPRETED AS HAVING APPROXIMATELY \$15.00 PER DAY AT DISPOSAL AFTER DAILY ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES HAVE BEEN MET. IF MR. ENFIELD PLANS TO WORK IN FINLAND, HE WILL REQUIRE A WORK PERMIT BEFORE HE ARRIVES AT A FINNISH PORT OF ENTRY. HOWEVER, THE ALIENS OFFICE STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN FINLAND, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT A WORK PERMIT APPLICATION BY MR. ENFIELD OR A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER IN FINLAND WOULD BE DENIED. THE ALIENS OFFICE ADDED THAT ALL ALIENS MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF A WORK PERMIT AND THAT AT PRESENT PERMITS ARE RARELY APPROVED.

B. THE PANAM REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AIRPORT GRATUITOUSLY INFORMED MR. ENFIELD THAT HE WOULD BE HELD IN DETENTION UNLESS HE WAS WILLING TO PAY FOR HIS TICKET HELSINKI-NEW YORK, SINCE MR. ENFIELD WAS CONTESTING THE POINT THAT HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF HIS OWN TICKET TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, THE POLICE WERE DETERMINED THAT MR. ENFIELD WOULD DEPART ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT AND THEY WERE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF TICKETS.
MR. ENFIELD WAS AWARE THAT THE POLICE WERE MAKING THE DECISIONS, NOT PANAM, AND THAT THE POLICE WERE NOT PREPARED TO BARGAIN.

C. ACCORDING TO THE ALIENS OFFICE AND THE POLICE, LINCLASSIFIED

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MR. ENFIELD ATTEMPTED TO ENTER FINLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. HE LACKED THE REQUIRED WORK PERMIT AND WAS, THEREFORE, DENIED ENTRY. HE THEN CHANGED TACK AND STATED HE WISHED TO BE CONSIDERED A TOURIST BUT THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE AUTHORITIES, BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE A TICKET OUT OF SCANDINAVIA, AND HAD INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PURCHASE A RETURN TICKET CONBINED WITH COSTS OF ROOM AND BOARD. HE HAD STATED, AND THE POLICE HAD PROOF, THAT HE INTENDED TO BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED. THE EMBASSY HAS IN ITS FILES A COPY OF A LETTER DATED MAY 10 FROM MR. ENFIELD TO HIS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER IN FINLAND ASKING HIM, INTER ALIA, TO OBTAIN A WORK PERMIT.

4. MR. ENFIELD SUSPECTS THAT DEROGATORY INFORMATION ABOUT HIM HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO THE FINNISH POLICE BY THE EMBASSY OR BY THE FATHER OF MRS. ENFIELD, MR. TUOMALA. ACCORDING TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALIENS OFFICE, MRS. ENFIELD'S FAMILY HAS ON OCCASION CALLED THE AUTHORITIES EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF MRS. ENFIELD AND CHILD. AS THE EMBASSY INFORMED IN HELSINKI'S 2166 OF 77, MRS. ENFIELD'S FATHER WOULD "... ARRANGE PROTECTION FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND GRANDSON", IF MR. ENFIELD SHOULD

DECIDE TO TRAVEL TO FINLAND. IN VIEW OF THIS BACKGROUND, THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE ALERT AND SENSITIVE TO PROPOSED VISITS OF MR. ENFIELD. THE ALIENS OFFICE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FINLAND COULD REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY ARRIVING ALIEN WITHOUT ADVISING WHY ENTRY IS DENIED.

5. MRS. ENFIELD CALLED THE EMBASSY THIS WEEK STATING THAT A MR. NEIL HENRY TELEPHONED HER, INTRODUCING HIMSELF AS A REPORTER ON THE STAFF OF THE WASHINGTON POST INTERESTED IN HER ACCOUNT OF THE AIRPORT INCIDENT AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO HER RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. ENFIELD. RIDGWAY

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